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In response to PTC/DO/EO/905 mailed February 25, 2000, a copy of which is attached hereto, Applicants herewith submit a literal translation of the German text of the above identified application. Applicant requests that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the Office. Also attached is a Preliminary Amendment accompanying said literal translation of the previously filed German specification. A combined declaration and power of attorney for patent application is also attached. Our check in the amount of \$260.00, \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(k), and \$130.000 surcharge is attached. An extra set of the replacement claims drafted in conformity with U.S. patent practice and marked in red for the Examiner has also been enclosed. In the event there is any discrepancy in the amount sent herewith, or at any future time during the prosecution of this application, please charge any additional amount to Deposit Account No. 02-

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